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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ROUNDUP

1. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION HAS CONCLUDED DEBATE ON AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT REPORT. REPORT WHICH IS THAT OF MAJORITY LOYALIST UNITED UNIONIST ULSTER COALITION (UUUC) WILL BE FINALLY DEBATED NOVEMBER 6 BEFORE BEING FORWARDED TO HMG. MINORITY PARTIES INTRODUCED NO AMENDMENTS AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE. NEWS REPORTS FROM BRITAIN OVER WEEKEND INDICATE SECSTATE REES HAS DECIDED EXTEND LIFE OF CONVENTION FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD, PRESUMABLY WHILE HMG AND PARLIAMENT ANALYZING CONVENTION REPORT.

2. THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WILLIAM CRAIG HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM UUUC PARLIAMENTARY PARTY. IT APPEARS UNIONISTS AT WESTMINSTER HAVE DECIDED AT LEAST NOT TO EXPEL HIM FROM GROUP. IT APPEARS TWO IMPORTANT SOURCES CRAIG SUPPORT MR REV. ROBERT BRADFORD AND ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION ARE WAGERING IN THEIR POSITIONS.

3. JOHN TAYLOR AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL UNIONIST IN SERIES OF CONSTITUENT MEETINGS CONTINUES CRITICIZE UUUC ACTION IN DISCIPLINING CRAIG. TAYLOR PROFESSES UNIONIST UNITY THREATENED BY PERSONAL RIVALRY WHILE PARTY LEADERS LEAD COALITION. HE  
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HAS SUGGESTED COALITION BE DIRECTED BY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS

CHAIRMAN COALITION STEERING COMMITTEE. TAYLOR DENIED HE IS INTERESTED IN JOB BUT SAID HE KNEW OF THREE INDIVIDUALS ANYONE OF WHOM CAPABLE OF DOING IT.

4. SPORADIC HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE OFFICIAL IRA AND THE PROVISIONAL IRA CONTINUE BELFAST WITH PROVISIONALS DOING MOST OF ATTACKING. IN WHAT CLEARLY RETALIATION HOWEVER SEAMUS MCCUSKER DIRECTOR OF PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN INCIDENT CENTER GUNNED DOWN ON SIDEWALK OUT. 31. SO FAR FOUR DEAD INCLUDING SIX YEAR OLD GIRL SHOT ACCIDENTALLY ADMITTEDLY BY PROVISIONALS. ONE BASIC CAUSE OF HOSTILITY APPEARS BE NEW PROPAGANDA AND RECRUITING DRIVE ON PART REPUBLICAN CLUBS WHICH POLITICAL ARM OFFICIAL IRA. THIS CAMPAIGN CONCENTRATING ON THEME "SECTARIANISM KILLS WORKERS" AND APPARENTLY ENJOYING SOME SUCCESS TO DISCOMFITURE PROVISIONAL IRA.  
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